

FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL OVERVIEW

Florida's 47,500 **commercial farms**, utilizing 9.25 million **acres**, continue to produce a wide variety of safe and dependable food products. From the **citrus groves** and the **nurseries** in central and southern Florida, to the **vegetables** in regions around the State, to the **cattle and calves** throughout the State, these farms provide Florida with a large and stable economic base.

In 2008 Florida ranked:

✓ 1st in the U.S. in the value of production of **oranges, grapefruit, tangerines, and sugarcane for sugar and seed.**^{1/}

✓ 1st in value of production of: **fresh market snap beans, fresh market tomatoes, cucumbers for fresh market, squash, watermelons and sweet corn.**

✓ 2nd in value of production of **strawberries, bell peppers, and cucumbers for pickles.**

✓ 4th in value of production of **honey.**

In 2008, in terms of total value of production, Florida accounted for:

71 percent of the total U.S. value for **oranges** (\$1.5 billion)

68 percent of the total U.S. value for **grapefruit** (\$179 million)

52 percent of the total U.S. value **snap beans** (\$172 million)

27 percent of the total U.S. value for **tangerines** (\$58 million)

51 percent of the total U.S. value for **sugarcane for sugar and seed** (\$448 million)^{1/}

44 percent of the total U.S. value for **fresh market tomatoes** (\$622 million)

40 percent of the total U.S. value for **bell peppers** (\$267 million)

39 percent of the total U.S. value for **cucumbers for fresh market** (\$94 million)

29 percent of the total U.S. value for **watermelons** (\$140 million)

21 percent of the total U.S. value for **sweet corn** (\$157 million)

The total cash receipts for **nursery and greenhouse** products in Florida were just over \$1.9 billion in 2007.

Livestock and livestock products in 2007 produced sales of \$1.5 billion, with \$461 million coming from sales of **dairy products** and \$449 million coming from sales of **meat animals**. **Poultry farms** generated \$367 million in sales, with \$183 million coming from **broilers** and \$186 million coming from **eggs**.

Florida growers harvested **vegetables for fresh market** from 188,100 acres in 2008, with sales exceeding \$1.5 billion.

Florida citrus growers in 2007-2008 produced 170.2 million boxes of **oranges** (97 percent of which were used for **orange juice**) and 26.6 million boxes of **grapefruit** (60 percent of which were used for **grapefruit juice**).

On January 1, 2009 there were 1.70 million **head of cattle** on farms and ranches in Florida, including 942,000 head of **beef cows** and 118,000 head of **milk cows**.

Florida ranked 11th in the number of **chickens** on farms in 2007, Florida's poultry farmers maintained an average of 10.8 million **layers** in 2007 (producing 2.9 billion **eggs**) and produced 73.3 million **broilers**.

^{1/} Data for 2007, the latest year available.

FLORIDA CASH RECEIPTS – 2007

The Economic Research Service, USDA, reports that receipts from Florida agricultural products in 2007 amounted to \$7.7 billion. This is a 6 percent increase from the previous year, with revised cash receipts totaling \$7.2 billion. Cash receipts from all crops increased 5 percent from 2006, while cash receipts from all livestock and livestock products increased by 14 percent.

Receipts from all crops accounted for 80.9 percent of all cash receipts. As in previous years, the leading crop commodities were oranges (15.4 percent of all cash receipts), foliage and floriculture (12 percent), tomatoes (6.1 percent), and sugarcane (5.8 percent). The leading livestock commodities were cattle and calves (5.9 percent of all cash receipts), milk (6.0 percent), and chicken eggs (2.4 percent).

NASS has revised 2007 Value of Production estimates based on data received from the 2007 Census of Agriculture. This publication includes those revised estimates. The Economic Research Service will update the 2007 Cash Receipts data in August 2009. Due to publication deadlines, the updated 2007 Cash Receipts data are not included in this publication.

Commodity	Cash receipts	
	2007	Percent of total ^{1/}
	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	
All Commodities	7,650,517	100.00
All Crops	6,187,898	80.88
Citrus	1,506,837	19.70
Grapefruit	259,147	3.39
Oranges	1,178,442	15.40
Tangelos	9,435	0.12
Tangerines	59,813	0.78
Temples ^{2/}	NA	0
Other Fruits and Nuts	432,567	5.65
Avocados	12,283	0.16
Pecans	1,840	0.02
Blueberries	39,000	0.51
Strawberries	329,344	4.30
Other	50,100	0.65
Vegetables and Melons	1,649,066	21.55
Cabbage	47,131	0.62
Cucumbers	104,522	1.37
Green Peppers	183,148	2.39
Potatoes	161,554	2.11
Snap Beans	217,350	2.84
Squash	52,958	0.69
Sweet Corn	112,838	1.47
Tomatoes	464,241	6.07
Watermelons	152,468	1.99
Other	152,856	2.00

Commodity	Cash receipts	
	2007	Percent of total
	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	
Field Crops	613,301	8.02
Corn	9,105	0.12
Cotton	38,596	0.50
Hay	36,381	0.48
Peanuts	60,404	0.79
Soybeans	1,805	0.02
Sugarcane	445,109	5.82
Wheat	1,734	0.02
Other	20,167	0.26
Foliage and Floriculture	914,556	11.95
Other Crops and Products ^{3/}	1,071,571	14.01
All Livestock and Products	1,462,619	19.12
Milk	460,776	6.02
Cattle and Calves	449,098	5.87
Poultry and Eggs		
Broilers	182,793	2.39
Chicken Eggs	186,471	2.44
Other Poultry	1,291	0.02
Aquaculture	58,106	0.76
Miscellaneous Livestock		
Hogs	3,597	0.05
Honey	11,246	0.15
Other Livestock & Products	109,241	1.43

^{1/} 2007 preliminary. Percents for individual commodities do not add to total some groups because of rounding.

^{2/} Temples are included in orange total, starting in 2007.

^{3/} Includes mushrooms, sod, ornamental shrubs and trees and aquatic plants. Excludes forestry products.

FLORIDA CASH RECEIPTS
By Commodity Group and Year

Year	Crops	Livestock	Total cash receipts
		<i>1,000 dollars</i>	
1960	516,927	209,925	771,852
1970	916,291	403,604	1,319,895
1971	1,042,078	416,029	1,478,107
1972	1,219,359	468,397	1,687,756
1973	1,442,362	605,103	2,047,465
1974	1,601,213	544,200	2,145,413
1975	1,879,670	623,905	2,503,575
1976	1,901,292	672,709	2,574,001
1977	2,018,719	742,598	2,761,317
1978	2,579,409	849,213	3,428,622
1979	2,845,812	1,001,876	3,487,688
1980	3,103,833	978,525	4,082,358
1981	3,231,728	1,026,286	4,258,014
1982	3,326,155	1,020,062	4,346,217
1983	3,546,915	1,081,535	4,628,450
1984	3,638,231	1,098,092	4,736,323
1985	3,762,770	1,030,336	4,793,106
1986	3,747,156	1,030,336	4,777,492
1987	4,207,362	1,100,854	5,308,216
1988	4,688,987	1,146,040	5,835,027
1989	5,021,374	1,218,705	6,240,079
1990	4,438,082	1,258,961	5,697,043
1991	4,972,810	1,171,626	6,144,436
1992	4,956,706	1,263,874	6,220,580
1993	4,824,757	1,310,232	6,134,989
1994	4,815,127	1,296,603	6,111,730
1995	4,841,471	1,238,378	6,079,849
1996	5,100,235	1,312,154	6,412,389
1997	5,238,267	1,385,551	6,623,818
1998	5,689,172	1,390,238	7,079,410
1999	5,311,395	1,347,573	6,658,968
2000	5,470,458	1,315,908	6,786,366
2001	5,236,151	1,389,601	6,625,752
2002	5,157,002	1,239,055	6,396,057
2003	5,374,178	1,240,273	6,614,451
2004	5,621,849	1,456,914	7,078,763
2005	6,274,317	1,408,583	7,682,900
2006	5,900,642	1,283,688	7,184,330
2007	6,187,898	1,462,619	7,650,517

UNITED STATES TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS

Leading States, 2007

Rank	State	Cash receipts	Percent of U.S. total
		<i>1,000 dollars</i>	
1	California	36,574,850	12.8
2	Texas	19,074,827	6.7
3	Iowa	19,036,853	6.7
4	Nebraska	14,555,820	5.1
5	Minnesota	12,538,429	4.4
6	Kansas	11,729,328	4.1
7	Illinois	11,678,609	4.1
8	Wisconsin	8,858,242	3.1
9	North Carolina	8,691,099	3.1
10	Indiana	7,775,742	2.7
11	Florida	7,650,517	2.7
	U.S. Total	284,843,650	100.0

UNITED STATES VEGETABLE CASH RECEIPTS

Leading States, 2007

Rank	State	Cash receipts	Percent of U.S. total
		<i>1,000 dollars</i>	
1	California	8,061,717	40.4
2	Florida	1,649,066	8.3
3	Arizona	1,167,636	5.8
4	Washington	1,142,926	5.7
5	Idaho	876,486	4.4
6	Georgia	659,090	3.3
7	New York	637,781	3.2
8	Texas	526,675	2.6
9	North Dakota	501,046	2.5
10	Michigan	450,229	2.3
	U.S. Total	19,964,918	100.0

UNITED STATES CROP CASH RECEIPTS

Leading States, 2007

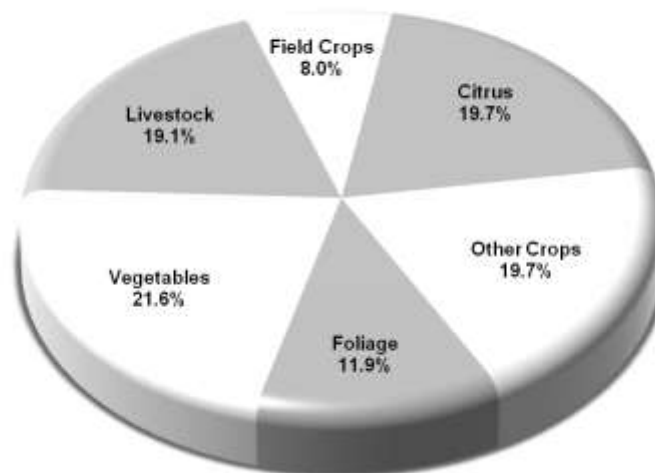
Rank	State	Cash receipts	Percent of U.S. total
		<i>1,000 dollars</i>	
1	California	25,839,936	17.6
2	Iowa	10,179,840	6.9
3	Illinois	9,605,145	6.5
4	Texas	7,688,334	5.2
5	Minnesota	6,909,825	4.7
6	Nebraska	6,197,747	4.2
7	Florida	6,187,898	4.2
8	Washington	5,323,189	3.6
9	Indiana	5,211,162	3.5
10	North Dakota	4,533,636	3.1
	U.S. Total	146,954,202	100.0

FLORIDA LEADING CASH RECEIPTS

By commodity, 2007

Commodity	Florida receipts	U.S. receipts	Florida percent of U.S.	Florida national Ranking
	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>		<i>Percent</i>	
Greenhouse/Nursery	1,935,556	17,178,517	11.3	2
Oranges	1,178,442	1,481,153	79.6	1
Tomatoes (Fresh Market)	464,241	2,188,405	21.2	2
Dairy Products	460,776	35,425,015	1.3	17
Cattle/Calves	449,098	49,721,888	0.9	24
Sugarcane	445,109	908,377	49.0	1
Strawberries	329,344	1,749,079	18.8	2
Grapefruit	259,147	354,717	73.1	1
Snap Beans (Fresh Market)	217,350	391,908	55.5	1
Eggs	186,471	6,678,147	2.8	12
Peppers, Bell	183,148	468,387	39.1	1
Broilers	182,793	21,460,211	0.9	18
Potatoes	161,554	2,960,336	5.5	4
Watermelons	152,468	476,209	32.0	1
Sweet Corn	112,838	862,055	13.1	1
Cucumbers (Fresh & Processing)	104,522	394,742	26.5	1
Peanuts	60,404	762,646	0.8	4
Tangerines	59,813	117,569	50.9	1
Aquaculture	58,106	1,126,387	5.2	6
Squash	52,958	212,818	24.9	1
Cabbage (Fresh Market)	47,131	401,051	11.6	3
Blueberries	39,000	602,357	6.5	6
Cotton	38,596	6,172,099	0.6	14
Hay	36,381	6,280,990	0.6	33

FLORIDA AGRICULTURE CASH RECEIPTS, 2007



FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS

Florida had 47,500 commercial farms in 2008, using a total of 9,250,000 acres. There were 5,300 farms with sales exceeding \$100,000. The average farm size was 195 acres. The number of farms in Florida has increased by 2,500 over the past 10 years. Florida ranks 20th among all States in number of farms and tied at 30th in land in farms.

FLORIDA FARMS AND ACREAGE

By year and by economic sales class

Year	Number of farms				Total acres				Average farm size
	Total	\$1,000 - \$9,999	\$10,000 - \$99,999	\$100,000 & over	Total	\$1,000 - \$9,999	\$10,000 - \$99,999	\$100,000 & over	
					<i>1,000 acres</i>				<i>Acres</i>
1999	45,000	28,800	11,000	5,200	10,500	1,800	2,400	6,300	233.3
2000	44,000	27,800	11,000	5,200	10,400	1,750	2,350	6,300	236.4
2001	44,000	27,600	11,000	5,400	10,300	1,700	2,350	6,250	234.1
2002	44,000	27,600	11,000	5,400	10,300	1,700	2,350	6,250	234.1
2003	44,000	27,600	11,000	5,400	10,040	1,600	2,300	6,140	228.0
2004	43,200	27,000	10,700	5,500	9,830	1,600	2,100	6,130	228.0
2005	42,000	26,000	10,600	5,400	9,570	1,500	2,000	6,070	228.0
2006	41,000	24,700	10,600	5,700	9,460	1,400	2,000	6,060	231.0
2007	47,500	29,500	12,700	5,300	9,300	1,400	2,000	5,900	196.0
2008	47,500	29,500	12,700	5,300	9,250	1,400	1,950	5,900	195.0

LEADING STATES

Number of farms – 2008

State	Number of farms	Total acres in farms	Average size of farm
			<i>Acres</i>
Texas	247,500	130,400,000	527
Missouri	108,000	29,100,000	269
Iowa	92,600	30,800,000	333
Oklahoma	86,600	35,100,000	405
Kentucky	85,300	14,000,000	164
California	81,500	25,400,000	312
Minnesota	81,000	26,900,000	332
Tennessee	79,000	10,900,000	138
Wisconsin	78,000	15,200,000	195
Illinois	75,900	26,700,000	352

FLORIDA HIRED FARM WORKERS

Date	Combined Farmers & Agricultural Services	Hired by Farmers	Hired by Agricultural Services
2009			
January 11-17	47,000	38,000	9,000
2008			
October 12-18	41,000	38,000	3,000
July 6-12	44,000	42,000	2,000
April 6-12	59,000	51,000	8,000
January 6-12	58,000	49,000	9,000
2007			
October 7-13	47,000	43,000	4,000
July 8-14	43,000	41,000	2,000
April 8-14	63,000	55,000	8,000
January 7-13 ^{1/}			
2006			
October 8-14	49,000	44,000	5,000
July 9-15	46,000	43,000	3,000
April 9-15	60,000	52,000	8,000
January 8-14	58,000	49,000	9,000

WAGES PAID BY TYPE OF WORK ^{2/}

Date	All	Field	Livestock
	<i>Dollars per hour</i>		
2009			
January 11-17	10.16	8.95	9.45
2008			
October 12-18	10.09	8.90	9.30
July 6-12	9.90	8.84	9.25
April 6-12	10.25	9.32	9.59
January 6-12	9.98	9.00	9.20
2007			
October 7-13	9.76	8.70	8.95
July 8-14	9.49	8.50	8.60
April 8-14	10.01	9.20	9.00
January 7-13 ^{1/}			
2006			
October 8-14	9.42	8.50	9.10
July 9-15	9.40	8.39	9.10
April 9-15	9.19	8.37	8.50
January 8-14	9.55	8.80	8.80

^{1/} Because of budget constraints, NASS did not conduct the January Agricultural Labor Survey, which provides the data for the report. For more information, please see the Federal Register, Feb. 7, 2007, Vol. 72, No. 25, page 5675 - http://www.nass.usda.gov/Newsroom/Notices/fed_register_notice.pdf

^{2/} Excludes Agricultural Service workers.

FLORIDA – VALUE ADDED TO THE U.S. ECONOMY BY THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR VIA THE PRODUCTION OF GOODS AND SERVICES, 2005-2007

ITEM ^{1/}	2005	2006	2007
	<i>Thousand dollars</i>		
Value of crop production	6,275,759	5,901,213	6,332,602
Value of livestock production	1,386,490	1,332,426	1,449,884
Revenues from services and forestry	620,992	670,362	713,901
Value of agricultural sector production	8,283,241	7,904,001	8,496,388
less: Purchased inputs	3,396,613	3,407,371	4,161,621
Farm origin	864,085	914,716	925,930
Manufactured inputs	893,330	917,981	1,184,778
Other purchased inputs	1,639,198	1,574,674	2,050,913
plus: Net government transactions	268,779	-26,736	-83,579
+ Direct Government payments	434,876	140,712	123,465
- Motor vehicle registration and licensing fees	6,097	7,448	7,044
- Property taxes	160,000	160,000	200,000
Gross value added	5,155,408	4,469,894	4,251,187
less: Capital consumption	384,961	410,704	424,330
Net value added	4,770,447	4,059,190	3,826,857
Less: Payments to stakeholders	1,451,351	1,733,221	1,915,675
Employee compensation (total hired labor)	1,060,397	1,297,614	1,438,263
Net rent received by Non-operator landlords	30,518	54,787	74,372
Real estate and Non-real estate interest	360,436	380,820	403,040
NET FARM INCOME	3,319,096	2,325,969	1,911,182

^{1/} Value of agricultural sector production is the gross value of the commodities and services produced within a year. Net value-added is the sector's contribution to the National economy and is the sum of the income from production earned by all factors-of-production, regardless of ownership. Net farm income is the farm operators' share of income from the sector's production activities. The concept presented is consistent with that employed by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

LEADING STATES IN NET FARM INCOME, 2007

State	Net Farm Income
	<i>Million dollars</i>
1. California	12,746.8
2. Texas	7,181.0
3. Iowa	5,334.0
4. Minnesota	3,439.4
5. Nebraska	3,391.5
6. Illinois	3,244.1
7. North Carolina	2,806.9
8. Wisconsin	2,653.8
9. Georgia	2,635.1
10. Washington	2,449.2
18. Florida	1,911.2